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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR  
POSSESSING METHAMPHETAMINE WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on January 9, 2008, Sinakone Phonsavang, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to sixty months imprisonment for possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on Phonsavang, age 27, of 7114 Barefoot Drive #4, in Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly Sayers-Fay, in September 2007, Phonsavang arranged to ship from outside Alaska, and receive, at his Anchorage residence, a package containing over 100 grams of methamphetamine that he intended to distribute. The package was intercepted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, which subsequently made a controlled delivery to the defendant.

Prior to imposing the sentence, Judge Sedwick observed that Phonsavang has no criminal history and promptly accepted responsibility for his actions. Judge Sedwick conveyed that his sentence was also influenced by his determination that Phonsavang is unlikely to reoffend and has skills and extraordinary familial support that could enable him to productively contribute to society upon release.

Mr. Cohen commended the United States Postal Inspection Service and Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Phonsavang.

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